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**BIDEN LEADS AMONG CALIFORNIA DEMS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
67% OF WOMEN SAY BIDEN TOUCHING ISSUE IS NOT SERIOUS**

Former Vice President Joe Biden is the leader of the pack with 26 percent of California Democrats and voters leaning Democratic, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today. U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont takes 18 percent of Democrats and Democratic leaners, with 17 percent for native daughter, U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris.

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg have 7 percent each, with no other Democratic contender topping 4 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Democrats and Democratic leaners give Biden substantial leads on some key factors:

- 31 percent say he would be the best leader, followed by 18 percent for Sen. Sanders and 13 percent for Sen. Harris;
- 23 percent say Sanders has the best policy ideas, followed by 13 percent each for Biden and Sen. Warren, and 11 percent for Harris;
- 35 percent say Biden has the best chance of defeating President Donald Trump in 2020, with 17 percent for Sanders and 9 percent for Harris.

Being a great leader is more important in a presidential candidate than having great policy ideas, all voters say 50 – 39 percent. Democrats and Democratic leaners agree 52 – 38 percent.

The issue of Biden touching women is not serious, 66 percent of all California voters say, including 67 percent of women and 71 percent of Democrats. Among all voters, 27 percent, including 26 percent of women, 37 percent of Republicans and 24 percent of Democrats, say this is a serious issue.

“‘Let Biden be Biden,’ say California voters, clearly unconcerned about former Vice President Joe Biden’s tactile embrace of supporters,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“But there is one noticeable generational split. The youngest of voters are far more inclined to say, ‘hands off.’”

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“Sen. Kamala Harris is in the top tier of Democratic contenders on leadership and policy,” Malloy said.

“Never Trump” is strong in the Golden State as 59 percent of California voters say they definitely would not vote for Trump if he is the Republican nominee for president. Another 21 percent of all voters, including 71 percent of Republicans, say they definitely will vote for Trump and 14 percent say they will consider voting for him.

California voters disapprove 64 – 30 percent of the job Trump is doing, one of the president’s worst grades in any Quinnipiac University nationwide or state poll since he was elected.

Health Care

The current U.S. health care system should be improved, 55 percent of voters say, while 34 percent say the system should be replaced. Republicans favor replacing over improving the system 50 – 34 percent. In favor of improving the system are Democrats 68 – 23 percent and independent voters 58 – 33 percent.

Replacing the current health care system with a single-payer system, in which Medicare is expanded to cover health care expenses for every citizen, is a “good idea,” 47 percent of California voters say, as 40 percent say it’s a “bad idea.”

By a wider 60 – 26 percent, voters say it’s a “good idea” to keep the current health care system, but allow all adults to buy into Medicare. Republicans are divided as 44 percent say “good idea” and 37 percent say “bad idea.” Support is 67 – 21 percent among Democrats and 61 – 26 percent among independent voters.

“Voters say the country’s current health care program needs some tweaking, but is certainly worth keeping,” Malloy added.

From April 3 – 8, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,005 California voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.1 percentage points, including the design effect. The survey includes 482 Democrats and Democratic leaners with a margin of error of +/- 5.9 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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1. (If Democrat or Democratic leaner) If the Democratic primary for president were being held today, and the candidates were: Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Beto O'Rourke, Kamala Harris, Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker, Kirsten Gillibrand, Amy Klobuchar, Julian Castro, Tulsi Gabbard, Jay Inslee, John Hickenlooper, John Delaney, Pete Buttigieg, Andrew Yang, Marianne Williamson, and Wayne Messam, for whom would you vote?

DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS.....										
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY										
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	COLLEGE DEG	
		Very	Smwht						Yes	No
Biden	26%	8%	25%	37%	26%	25%	20%	30%	24%	27%
Sanders	18	23	21	15	19	17	18	30	15	24
O'Rourke	4	1	8	4	3	5	5	5	4	5
Harris	17	31	12	12	15	17	18	12	18	15
Warren	7	9	8	4	6	8	9	4	10	2
Booker	2	3	1	2	1	3	2	-	2	2
Gillibrand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Klobuchar	2	-	2	3	2	1	2	2	3	-
Castro	2	2	1	4	3	1	2	2	3	1
Gabbard	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Inslee	1	-	3	-	2	-	2	-	1	1
Hickenlooper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buttigieg	7	10	10	4	6	8	8	2	8	5
Yang	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1
Williamson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Messam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
DK/NA	13	12	9	12	14	12	14	9	12	15
PARTYID..... AGE IN YRS..... INCOME.....										
	Dem	DemLn	18-49	50-64	65+	<50k	50-100	100k+		
Biden	26%	22%	25%	23%	27%	25%	22%	25%		
Sanders	15	30	24	14	13	23	25	9		
O'Rourke	4	5	3	6	5	5	3	5		
Harris	17	15	16	21	14	17	13	21		
Warren	9	-	5	6	7	4	9	7		
Booker	2	4	-	6	2	-	2	4		
Gillibrand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Klobuchar	2	1	2	-	3	-	3	3		
Castro	2	2	1	5	2	1	4	3		
Gabbard	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-		
Inslee	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1		
Hickenlooper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Delaney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Buttigieg	6	11	8	6	9	4	7	11		
Yang	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-		
Williamson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Messam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
DK/NA	14	9	13	10	16	19	8	10		

2. (If Democrat or Democratic leaner) Regardless of how you intend to vote in the Democratic primary for president, which candidate do you think - would be the best leader?

DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS.....										
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY										
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	COLLEGE DEG	
		Very	Smwht						Yes	No
Biden	31%	11%	34%	41%	29%	32%	29%	27%	30%	33%
Sanders	18	25	20	14	18	17	18	29	13	25
O'Rourke	3	1	6	3	4	3	3	3	4	2
Harris	13	22	13	8	11	15	14	12	15	11
Warren	7	12	6	3	5	8	8	6	10	2
Booker	3	3	3	3	1	5	2	2	3	3
Gillibrand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Klobuchar	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	-
Castro	3	5	1	3	5	-	1	2	2	4
Gabbard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inslee	1	-	2	1	2	-	1	-	1	1
Hickenlooper	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Delaney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buttigieg	3	6	3	2	3	3	6	1	4	2
Yang	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Williamson	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Messam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
DK/NA	15	10	10	19	16	15	15	15	14	16
PARTYID..... AGE IN YRS..... INCOME.....										
	Dem	DemLn	18-49	50-64	65+	<50k	50-100	100k+		
Biden	31%	29%	29%	31%	36%	28%	30%	34%		
Sanders	16	26	26	8	12	27	22	9		
O'Rourke	4	1	4	5	1	2	4	5		
Harris	13	15	12	17	12	11	13	17		
Warren	8	2	6	4	6	4	7	7		
Booker	3	5	1	8	3	1	2	5		
Gillibrand	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-		
Klobuchar	2	-	1	-	3	-	2	5		
Castro	3	2	3	4	1	4	2	3		
Gabbard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Inslee	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	3		
Hickenlooper	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1		
Delaney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Buttigieg	3	3	1	4	8	1	3	5		
Yang	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
Williamson	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Messam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-		
DK/NA	15	15	15	15	17	21	14	7		

3. (If Democrat or Democratic leaner) Regardless of how you intend to vote in the Democratic primary for president, which candidate do you think - has the best policy ideas?

DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS.....										
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY										
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	COLLEGE DEG	
		Very	Smwht						Yes	No
Biden	13%	4%	15%	17%	13%	14%	8%	24%	9%	18%
Sanders	23	26	24	26	30	18	19	32	18	32
O'Rourke	2	1	6	2	2	3	4	1	3	1
Harris	11	13	17	7	7	15	12	9	13	10
Warren	13	25	15	5	14	12	15	8	16	8
Booker	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	2
Gillibrand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Klobuchar	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1
Castro	1	1	-	3	3	-	1	2	1	1
Gabbard	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	1	1
Inslee	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hickenlooper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buttigieg	4	5	3	4	4	4	7	2	5	2
Yang	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Williamson	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Messam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
DK/NA	25	19	17	28	22	28	28	18	26	23
PARTYID..... AGE IN YRS..... INCOME.....										
	Dem	DemLn	18-49	50-64	65+	<50k	50-100	100k+		
Biden	13%	12%	10%	15%	20%	12%	15%	11%		
Sanders	22	30	33	20	12	33	25	17		
O'Rourke	3	-	3	2	1	2	2	4		
Harris	11	11	13	8	10	7	10	17		
Warren	14	8	13	8	14	12	9	17		
Booker	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	2		
Gillibrand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Klobuchar	3	-	2	-	3	-	4	3		
Castro	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	2		
Gabbard	1	-	-	4	-	-	3	-		
Inslee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Hickenlooper	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Delaney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Buttigieg	4	4	1	7	8	2	3	7		
Yang	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-		
Williamson	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
Messam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-		
DK/NA	24	33	23	28	29	28	27	19		

4. (If Democrat or Democratic leaner) Regardless of how you intend to vote in the Democratic primary for president, which candidate do you think - has the best chance of winning against Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election?

DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS.....										
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY										
	Tot	LIBERAL.....		Mod/ Cons	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	COLLEGE DEG	
		Very	Smwht						Yes	No
Biden	35%	21%	43%	41%	39%	32%	30%	43%	36%	35%
Sanders	17	23	16	14	20	14	16	27	12	23
O'Rourke	5	5	4	7	5	5	5	5	6	4
Harris	9	7	13	8	8	10	11	6	10	8
Warren	4	8	3	2	3	5	4	3	5	3
Booker	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
Gillibrand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Klobuchar	1	3	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	-
Castro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gabbard	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Inslee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hickenlooper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buttigieg	2	2	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	2
Yang	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
Williamson	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Messam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
DK/NA	26	29	16	26	22	29	29	13	27	23
PARTYID..... AGE IN YRS..... INCOME.....										
	Dem	DemLn	18-49	50-64	65+	<50k	50-100	100k+		
Biden	36%	34%	33%	36%	41%	29%	35%	42%		
Sanders	16	18	23	11	12	23	22	5		
O'Rourke	5	5	5	10	2	4	5	7		
Harris	10	6	8	12	9	10	8	10		
Warren	5	1	4	1	3	2	3	5		
Booker	-	2	-	2	1	-	1	-		
Gillibrand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Klobuchar	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	3		
Castro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Gabbard	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-		
Inslee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Hickenlooper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Delaney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Buttigieg	2	2	2	-	3	2	-	2		
Yang	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-		
Williamson	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
Messam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-		
DK/NA	24	31	24	25	28	29	21	26		

5. In the 2020 general election for president, if Donald Trump is the Republican candidate, would you definitely vote for him, consider voting for him, or would you definitely not vote for him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Definitely vote	21%	71%	1%	16%	25%	18%	30%	16%
Consider voting	14	15	2	25	14	14	15	15
Definitely not vote	59	7	97	52	55	62	52	66
DK/NA	6	7	1	7	6	6	3	3

AREA.....

		Inlnd/ Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....			
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Definitely vote	24%	28%	10%	15%	28%	7%	20%	28%	32%
Consider voting	18	17	14	13	11	20	11	17	7
Definitely not vote	56	50	74	67	48	65	62	52	57
DK/NA	2	5	2	4	13	8	7	3	4

6. If you had to choose, which is more important in a presidential candidate: a candidate who you think would be a great leader, or a candidate who you think has great policy ideas?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Great leader	50%	51%	48%	54%	46%	53%	47%	52%
Great policy ideas	39	36	42	36	42	35	41	41
DK/NA	11	14	11	10	11	12	12	7

AREA.....

		Inlnd/ Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....			
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Great leader	43%	43%	59%	50%	51%	42%	55%	57%	49%
Great policy ideas	47	44	34	36	38	52	32	33	38
DK/NA	10	14	7	14	11	6	14	10	14

DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS.....

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

		LIBERAL.....	Mod/						COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	Yes	No
Great leader	52%	50%	55%	56%	50%	53%	49%	54%	50%	56%
Great policy ideas	38	40	37	34	41	36	42	38	40	35
DK/NA	10	11	7	10	10	11	9	8	10	9

PARTYID.....

		AGE IN	YRS.....							
	Dem	DemLn	18-49	50-64	65+	INCOME.....				
						<50k	50-100	100k+		
Great leader	48%	70%	47%	65%	51%	50%	49%	57%		
Great policy ideas	42	21	44	27	37	38	44	35		
DK/NA	11	10	9	8	11	12	7	7		

7. In general, would you say that the United States is ready to elect a president who is a gay man, or wouldn't you say that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes/Ready	39%	22%	49%	36%	42%	36%	38%	38%
No	48	58	43	50	47	49	46	53
DK/NA	13	20	8	14	11	15	15	10
AREA.....								
	Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64 65+
Yes/Ready	41%	35%	39%	40%	41%	59%	35%	33% 35%
No	46	50	54	48	43	36	60	53 45
DK/NA	14	14	7	12	16	6	5	14 20

8. As you may know, some women have said that Joe Biden touched them in a way that was not sexual, but made them uncomfortable. He has said that he doesn't believe he did anything inappropriate, but that he will be more mindful of people's personal space moving forward. Do you consider these allegations to be a serious issue, or are these allegations not a serious issue to you?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes/Serious issue	27%	37%	24%	26%	29%	26%	28%	36%
No	66	55	71	68	65	67	67	57
DK/NA	7	8	5	6	7	7	5	6
AREA.....								
	Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64 65+
Yes/Serious issue	28%	31%	28%	25%	26%	39%	30%	22% 20%
No	63	60	69	67	68	52	66	73 73
DK/NA	9	9	3	8	6	9	5	5 7

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Approve	30%	78%	4%	33%	32%	27%	37%	21%
Disapprove	64	16	94	61	62	67	57	75
DK/NA	6	6	2	7	6	6	6	4
AREA.....								
	Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64 65+
Approve	26%	36%	21%	25%	36%	17%	25%	38% 37%
Disapprove	63	59	76	71	55	76	69	56 58
DK/NA	10	5	3	4	9	7	6	6 5

13. In general, would you prefer to improve the current health care system in the United States, or would you prefer to replace the current health care system in the United States with something new?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Improve system	55%	34%	68%	58%	51%	59%	51%	57%	
Replace system	34	50	23	33	38	31	35	36	
KEEP AS IS (VOL)	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	3	
DK/NA	7	10	6	6	7	7	10	3	
AREA.....									
	Inld/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....			
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Improve system	48%	49%	61%	61%	52%	48%	58%	57%	56%
Replace system	41	42	30	27	36	45	34	33	25
KEEP AS IS (VOL)	2	2	2	5	6	3	4	4	6
DK/NA	9	7	7	7	7	4	5	6	13

14. Do you think that removing the current health care system and replacing it with a single payer system, in which the federal government would expand Medicare to cover the medical expenses of every American citizen, is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Good idea	47%	17%	66%	42%	43%	51%	46%	45%	
Bad idea	40	71	22	44	42	39	45	38	
DK/NA	13	12	13	14	15	10	9	17	
AREA.....									
	Inld/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....			
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Good idea	46%	42%	50%	54%	42%	53%	50%	42%	43%
Bad idea	45	42	38	33	46	34	40	46	46
DK/NA	9	16	12	13	12	14	10	12	11

15. Do you think that keeping the current health care system but allowing all adults the option of buying into Medicare is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Good idea	60%	44%	67%	61%	61%	59%	55%	62%	
Bad idea	26	37	21	26	26	27	27	29	
DK/NA	14	19	11	13	13	14	19	9	
AREA.....									
	Inld/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....			
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Good idea	55%	64%	59%	57%	60%	66%	67%	54%	47%
Bad idea	25	22	29	29	25	25	22	32	29
DK/NA	20	13	12	13	14	9	11	14	24